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The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on June 27, 1983, Chairman William Press presiding.

In attendance were:

Beatrice Jaffe	Frank Heymann	Ruth Panella
Sarah Hamburger	Marge Roberts	John Grimaldi
Shaul Gladstone	Hugh Roberts	Diane Kershaw
Pat Liberman	Bertha W. Brooks	Naomi Clark
Mary Morley	Rowena Austin	Larry Walker
Jean Brachman	Joan W. Colgan	Thomas E. Colgan
Bernard Brachman	Patricia Press	Don Holcomb
Cy Liberman	Leon Tanzer	Mary E. Irons
Helen Macklem	Temma Tanzer	Paul Thompson
Lee Starr	Elizabeth Varley Walker	Edward Kombach (NV)
Rae Gerstine	David Warner	Carl Falco
Ruth Shaw	Susan Warner	David Skiles
Gene Shaw	Jim Brooks	Wayne Kershaw
Marie Dugan (NV)	Helen Vinson	Marion McCullough
Beth Pastore (NV)	Cecelia Vore	Connee McKinney
Woodrow Vandever	S. R. Moore	Mason Morgan
William Press	Dora Johnson	John Austin
Barbara Fenske	Dick Florschutz	Ricardo (NV)
Irene R. Heymann	Aaron Hamburger	Ruth Holcomb
Susan W. Rothbart (NV)		

Minutes were approved as read.

Correspondence:

- A letter from Senator Joe Biden advising us that he is sponsoring a bill to extend the General Revenue Sharing program for three years.
- Three letters concerning the Buzz Ware Village Center problem with the Montessori summer camp.

Bernard Kleban wrote to the effect that Town Assembly must be kept informed of long-term planning for the building and should make contractual decisions, this should not be the responsibility of the five person committee.

Letters from Molca Budin, Frances Trench, and Bertha Brooks expressing disapproval of the Montessori summer use of the BWVC and the Sherwood Green, pointing out that the Green must be open to Arden children and the safety hazard of the added traffic.

Trustees - Cy Liberman

Rowena Austin has been hired as Rae Gerstine's administrative assistant.

The boundary dispute between the Melton property and the Founder's House has been settled; extra land has been deeded to the Meltons so that the ~~new~~ cottage has an adequate sized piece of land.

Financial report is on file. It was noted that County taxes have increased by \$4,500.

Budget - no report

Audit Report is on file.

existing (the Melton leasehold includes a Melton cottage formerly on the Stephens leasehold.)

Civic - Ruth Panella

No filling-in of the pond area is planned for this summer. The Community Planning Committee has some plans to improve that section which will be presented by them.

The Spring trash clean-up of May 7 seems to have been a success.

During Gail Rinehart's summer absence, Gene Shaw will be taking calls concerning regular trash collection.

As usual, letters have been sent to residences which are obstructing the right-of-ways. No check has been done to see if people have complied.

Sunset Lane behind the BWVC is marked for paving to allow truck access for oil delivery/trash collection.

The Harvey Rd. catch basin and ditch are still not functioning as intended. Woody Vandever and I have had frequent communication with the Division of Highway supervisors and the problem is now in the hands of the State's legal dept. which is making a claim to the Park Construction Co.'s insurance company for Park's unsatisfactory job. Assurances have been given that the Highway Dept. is moving as expediently as possible. The next step, if further inaction persists, will be to have residents sign a petition of complaint to our State Representative and Senator.

Also related to the Memorial Garden area, Wayne Kershaw will be smoothing over the area where the concrete swale has been removed. We are not taking any action at present to fill in the well area but do realize the necessity to seal that opening more satisfactorily than it is now.

Damaged locks at the Sherwood Forest entrances are ordered and will soon be installed.

Related to money, a question arose at one of the Assessors meetings concerning the whereabouts of the unspent budgets of the Civic Committee. I was delighted to learn that no one needs to be arrested. The Auditing Committee lists a surplus of \$11,605 in the general fund, it is reserved there for emergency or unusual expenses.

The Civic Committee, at the advice of the Trustees, had determined restrictions and compensation for a requested accessway onto Meadow Lane from two lots now owned by the Kelly/Dolmetsch family. Our unanimous recommendation to this assembly is that for a fee of \$500 one driveway may be constructed onto Meadow Lane. It is to serve no more than one single-family residence per lot. This recommendation will be presented for a vote under New Business.

Two different storage shed sites apparently were determined previously by two different groups: Community Planning offered the site next to the water tower on its east side, the special storage shed committee presented the area catty-corner from the water tower. Other alternative sites have been suggested and rejected and our committee has not yet voted on which of these two sites is preferable.

Boulders have been placed along Inn Lane to curtail turfing and problem parking.

The Civic Committee is agreeing to share with Ardencroft the cost of administering the Summer Youth Employment Program. Dorsey Lebeis has agreed to administer the program for an hourly fee. Costs to Arden are expected to be \$100-150.

Discussion:

Richard Florschutz asked Town Assembly to reconsider building a storage shed in the woods feeling the project would

damage the natural beauty of the area. He recommended that the committee explore buying a piece of land from Marcia Avery, who owns adjoining property on Marsh Rd., for this purpose.

Marion McCullough objected to bearing the entire burden of cutting back the hedge on the path next to her property, stating she was incapable of handling the project and feeling it should be a town responsibility.

Playground - Larry Walker

At the first meeting of the Playground Committee, the following were selected for committee positions: Chair - Rowena Austin, Secretary - Mary Brent Whipple, Treasurer - Nancy Badner, Maintenance - Larry Walker.

Equipment inspections were held in April and June and any defective equipment was repaired. New bases for the horses at the tot lot were constructed and the horses were reinstalled. An additional layer of "right dress" mulch was spread under all playground equipment to provide a cushion in case of a fall.

Two disassembled benches have been delivered and will be installed on the Village Green. One will be near the tot lot, the other at the Millers Rd. end of the Green. Wayne Knotts will construct the concrete bases and install them.

The committee set dates for the monthly inspections for the next three months. The equipment is in sound condition but it is in need of painting. The Committee has requested that the Summer Youth Employment Group be used for this job.

The Committee would like to commend the former chair, Bill Bailey, and the founder of the Playground Committee, Frank Heymann, for their invaluable assistance and cooperation during the past three months. With their help, the Committee organized itself and conducted its first two inspections.

Buzz Ware Village Center - Diane Kershaw

The BWVC Committee recognizes that there is much interest in the present use of the Center by Montessori for a four week summer camp. The Committee has met three times with its newly elected members to discuss this and other concerns. In addressing the issue of summer building use by Montessori, the committee has agreed on the following determinations:

- 1) That we, as 5 members of the BWVC Committee do not want the sole responsibility of deciding the issue of "outside contracts" and what constitutes an outside contract. It has not been determined by this committee whether Montessori summer camp is an outside contract. This issue of outside contracts was discussed with the Advisory Committee which recommended that specific guidelines be developed detailing what constitutes an outside contract or extended building use. These guidelines, once determined, will be used to guide the Committee in future decisions.
- 2) The Committee agrees that it will bring to the Town Assembly all requests for extended use of the building and for outside contracts. This will be done in advance of any agreements being entered into by the Committee, thus giving the Town Assembly time for gathering information and voting.
- 3) To address what has been done to alleviate some of the current concerns of this summer's camp session, the following has been decided and acted upon:
 - a. Montessori has agreed to cut camp from 5 to 4 weeks.

- b. During camp, room 4 has been vacated by Montessori children and adults except for use of the kitchen area to prepare snacks from 7:30 AM to 9 AM and from 4 PM to 5:30 PM.
- c. A care-in-driving notice has been distributed to the camp parents and carpooling has been encouraged.
- 4) All future requests between the BWVC Committee and Montessori will be in writing and directed to the Director of Montessori and answered through the Secretary of the BWVC.
- 5) A motion was passed stating that the Director or a non-resident board member of the Montessori Association will attend the BWVC Committee meetings as a non-voting representative to provide information and to encourage communication between the two groups. This representative will also be available to attend relevant Town Assembly meetings.

Other Committee Business:

- 1) Maintenance is investigating through DP&L the cost of mercury vapor lights at the Village Center. Bids are being obtained for installing a light at the front sign. An estimate of \$50 was given for fixing the present leak in the roof. A no-over-night-parking sign will be installed in the front parking area.
- 2) The Committee recognizes the need to the town and ACRA to have access to room 4. As a result, straightening and clearing of room 4 has been done by Montessori. The Committee is looking at ways to make this room more appealing and useful.
- 3) The Program Committee has implemented a 6 week program of Yoga instruction by Hardy Hoegger at a cost of \$6 for the course to residents. This fee will cover costs and instructors' fees. A 6 week seminar, taught by Betty Tonnesen, has begun at a cost of \$12 for the series for residents. Higher fees apply to non-residents. In September, a series of international evenings will be presented at the Center and hosted by other residents.

Discussion:

Residents expressed concern about the Montessori summer camp use of the building and green; it limits use by Arden children and the extra traffic creates a safety hazard. The increased town and Montessori use of the building may breed conflict.

The Committee requested that Montessori establish a drop-off point for children to minimize traffic. Marie Dugan, School Director, reported that the drop-off plan was not feasible due to inadequate supervision. Instead, Montessori encouraged car-pooling and issued caution notices to the parents of the 65 children enrolled. Montessori would like to hear of problems immediately so they can be dealt with.

Safety Committee said that the Montessori school has and will continue to work with that committee on the Harvey Rd. safety problem. Having a school in our community may help us get more attention from the Highway Department.

Safety - Jim Brooks

The Committee has replaced various signs on the Green and placed a do-not-enter sign across from the Arden Sub Shop on Sherwood Rd. This intersection is very dangerous, there have been 2 accidents there recently.

The Committee held a meeting to discuss the parking situation around the Green. As a result of this meeting, other methods are being used to stop illegal parking. Large rocks have been placed around the Green and security guards have been hired on weekends.

Since two of the three points of the parking proposal were

rescinded, the Safety Committee feels that the yellow line should not be installed. However, we still have the situation with cars parking on the residents' side of the Green. In order to have this parking restriction enforced by the County Police, we have to have some way to distinguish between cars belonging to residents and other cars. We are considering stickers and guest passes.

The town watch program has not been functioning for awhile because we need a coordinator. This committee is currently calling people to find one. If anyone is willing to accept this responsibility, please let us know.

Discussion:

David Skile, town watch coordinator, reported a lack of response to his calls for patrolers. Many residents responded that they were willing to patrol but had not been contacted. David has been trying to patrol on his own but has trouble keeping up and has found the police unresponsive. Bill Press, Jim Brooks, and David Skiles will meet to try to straighten out the situation.

Harvey Road Safety

The Highway Dept. conducted another survey at the request of Montessori and the Committee. The surveyer found no one crossing the Orleans-Harvey intersection. Marie Dugan has sent the department a list of the names and addresses of the school children who cross that road. Mrs. Dugan asked the State for a crossing guard at the intersection but they replied that there were not enough children to warrant the expense. The Highway Dept. has agreed to repaint the crosswalk lines and erect a "children walk this road" sign, but will not consider other safety devices until the road is brought up to federal standards, i.e. widened.

It was suggested that residents could control the situation if all drivers made a concerted effort to obey existing stop signs and drove extremely slowly on Harvey, thereby forcing all traffic to slow down.

Registration - Jean Brachman for Virginia Shaw

There are 391 persons eligible to vote at this meeting, an increase of three since March.

On June 4th, from 2 - 5 PM, there was a very pleasant open house on Ruth and Don Holcomb's lawn for residents of the Upper Woodland neighborhood, under the sponsorship of our Committee. The group, about 35, was well balanced between new and long-standing residents, and between older and younger individuals. This completes the series for the Woodland side of town; we plan to hold two more, probably in the early fall, for the Upper and Lower Sherwood residents.

The Committee is also considering the suggestion that we add to our duties holding two open meetings, one shortly before each of the election seasons, to clarify voting procedures and outline the issues to be decided.

Community Planning - Cecelia Vore

Community Planning has met three times since the last Town Assembly, Cecelia Vore was elected chairman at the first meeting.

The Woods Clean-up

On Saturday, April 30, we held the annual clean-up of the Arden woodlands. This year we made an effort to include the Sherwood Forest, which some residents felt was being forgotten. One week before the clean-up, the chairman mapped the problem areas in both woods, and all these areas were cleaned up. Around 25 residents took part in the event.

The Arden Book

Community Planning will soon begin a regular distribution of the Arden Book to new residents. Included with the book will be a page of current information, such as a list of members of all village committees, names and numbers to call about trash pick-up, etc.

Because it has been almost ten years since the publication of the Arden Book, and because we will probably run out of copies in the next year or so, the committee believes a revised edition is in order. We will ask residents for corrections and suggestions through notices in the Arden Page and on the two town bulletin boards. The revision will probably take about a year to complete.

The Memorial Garden

At the last town meeting, the plan to fill in the pond in the Memorial Garden was rejected until further study could be done and alternatives explored. At that meeting there were widely varying views on the nature of the pond: is it wet all year, or does it dry up in the summer, is it a mosquito breeder, a natural drain, or an eyesore? So our first task has been one of observation to get the facts. Members of the committee have been asked to visit the Memorial Garden and keep diaries of their observations of the pond area and of the general flow of water through the Memorial Garden. In addition, on June 15 and 16, the chairman met with Bob Pollock, gildmaster of the Swim Gild, and Stan Arasim, pool manager, to discuss the affect of the pool on the flow of water into the Memorial Garden. The committee will continue observations throughout the summer before submitting a formal plan to Town Assembly, but so far our feelings are as follows:

- 1) From our observations during recent heavy and prolonged rainstorms we conclude that there is far more runoff entering the basin from the Arden Club side than from the Harvey Rd. side. Consequently, engineering projects which involve only the springhouse and the drainage from Harvey Rd. can only attempt to control a small part of the water in the pond. Any attempt to dry up this natural marsh would have to involve the whole drainage system from the Gild Hall, the Highway, even the Buzz Ware Village Center.
- 2) The pond does not appear to have an unusual mosquito problem. Mosquitoes are far more prevalent in the shade and still air of the heavily wooded area of the "beer garden" and of the trees and shrubs on the adjoining leaseholds. The committee met for an hour at dusk in the Garden on June 21, a warm night, and was not driven out by mosquitoes.
- 3) The marshy-ness of the pond could be an asset rather than a liability to the Memorial Garden. Already, it attracts birds and could attract other wildlife, such as frogs, if managed properly. If the town has no objection, we plan to investigate various water-loving plants, such as irises or cattails, that could be planted in the pond. We plan to call on the advice of the expert gardeners in the town and use other local resources. In the meantime, we have requested that the mowing of the pond cease, so we may observe the plants that already grow in the pond.

- 4) The open well near the springhouse does create a safety problem, but the well might also serve as a flood control device. To fill in the well with rubble and broken concrete would take months of collecting such fill--months during which the Memorial Garden would have to remain torn up, simply because it doesn't make sense to fix things up while heavy trucks must continue to travel to and from the well.
- 5) Once this question is settled and the well is either filled or sealed, the torn up ditch running from Harvey Rd. into the pond should be repaired. We suggest the following: A gently sloping drain should be created, approximately 6 feet wide, filled with gravel or fieldstone that is 1 foot or less in diameter, then covered with dirt and seeded with grass seed. This would create a sturdy path for a hearse as well as drainage for overflow from Harvey Rd.
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The Board was aware of the possible expense of the proposed Civic Building and the fact that the Civic Committee has a reserve fund of approximately \$11,000 carried over from previous budgets. It was felt that these two items might closely offset each other.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Arden Arts Acquisition

Refunds to donors have not been made as requested by the March Town Assembly because the fund is \$22 short. Also, Rae does not have a complete list of donors. She was advised to refund donations only to known donors.

Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that the \$22 Arden Arts Acquisition fund deficit be replenished from the contingency fund.

Trustee Referendum Study Committee

Committee: Rowena Austin, Bill Bailey, Shaul Gladstone, Ruth Holcomb, Bill Press, Temma Tanzer, Virginia Shaw, Pat Press, Secretary.

- I Trustees to notify Advisory Committee of need for Trustee election.
- II
 - A. Advisory Committee to mail to all town residents a letter explaining nominating and balloting procedure for Trustee referendum. This letter is to explain what happens if nominee fails to gain majority vote and is to be mailed within 14 days after receipt of notification of need for Trustee election. This mailing is also to include a nominating ballot and return envelope addressed to Advisory Committee Chairperson. Ballots returned with more than one nominee will not be counted.
 - B. Advisory Committee to open and tabulate nominating ballots no less than 30 days and no more than 35 days from date of mailing.
 - C. Advisory Committee will send names of nominees with number of votes received by each to Trustees within 7 days of counting.
- III
 - A. Registration Committee shall mail a ballot to each resident with a covering letter explaining the voting procedure. Ballots are to be mailed within 14 days of receipt of letter from Trustees stating name of nominee.
 - B. Counting date and cut-off date are to be one and the same. Counting shall begin no earlier than 6 PM and no later than 9 PM.
 - C. Ballots shall be sent out with two return envelopes--the outside envelope with the return address of the Registration Committee Chairperson and the inside envelope, addressed to the Registration Committee, with space in the upper left-hand corner for signature of the sender.
 - D. A mailed reminder will be sent to all eligible voting residents 10 days prior to counting date. The reminder is to state only that "your vote, in order to count in referendum, must be received by Registration Committee by ____."
 - E. All replacement ballot blanks and/or envelopes must be obtained in person. Only Chairperson of Registration Committee shall have power to issue such replacements.

- F. At ballot counting time, the outside envelope is to be opened. The signed and still sealed inner envelope containing the ballot is to be checked against the Registered Voter List, after which the sealed envelope is to be opened, leaving the enclosed ballot folded. All ballots shall then be shuffled before being unfolded and counted.
- G. Ballots must be counted no less than 30 days and no more than 35 days from mailing date.
- IV A. It is further suggested that the Trustees inform all nominees of their choice for Trustee prior to public announcement and that their nominating letter, if any, be sent out in a separate mailing with a return address on the envelope of "Trustee of Arden". The committee recognizes the nonbinding nature of these suggestions, but strongly recommends to the Trustees the use of this procedure in all subsequent Trustee confirmation referenda.
- B. The committee also recommends that the Registration Committee make every reasonable effort to devise a system to ensure the authenticity of signatures on all returned ballots.

Discussion - controversy concerned items:

II. A. & C.

- Pro: If the Trustees ask for input it should be explicit; this is a more democratic process. This process would eliminate the chairperson middleman and give the committee direct input. Trustees need the vote count to know if someone is an overwhelming choice. Trustees are not required by Deed-of-Trust to abide by this list.
- Con: This process would make the Trustees' choice a mini-election. The Trustees would be pressured to nominate the name with the most votes, turning it into a popularity contest. The Trustee appointment should be above daily politics. Names submitted should not be prioritized.

III. C.

- Pro: The Registration Committee should not call non-voters. There is too much opportunity for them to sway voters or to call only voters they hope will vote yes. Not voting is one way to vote no.
- Con: If the Registration Committee doesn't know who has neglected to vote, they cannot fulfill the important function of getting out the vote. Many errors turn up while the votes are coming in, people forget to sign the envelope or think they have voted when they have not. This system will not allow for corrections. Many residents are not interested voters and need reminding. There would be a danger of the Trustee nomination being rejected because of a lack of a majority vote. The count procedure would be extremely time consuming. This is an undemocratic procedure as it will restrict maximum voting. There are many ways to insure non-partisan calling by the committee. Not voting is a poor way to vote no.

III. E.

Is it advisable to have the chairperson the only contact person with extra ballots? What if that person is sick or out of town?

Overall Comment:

The referendum procedure must be workable and acceptable to the Trustees, otherwise it will not be used. Hopefully, the occasion to use this procedure will not happen again soon, why don't we discuss it before the September Town Assembly and come up with a plan we can all live with?

Moved and seconded that this report be tabled until the September Town Assembly to allow comment from the Trustees.

Motion carried by a 2/3 vote.

OLD BUSINESSStorage Shed

Dick Florschutz objected to the placement of the building in the woods east of the water tower (the original site proposed by Community Planning and approved by the March, 1982, Assembly. (The March '83 Storage Shed Committee was in error when it described the site as catty-corner from the water tower). He objected to paying a woods fee to live with a chain link fence and an ugly building 40 feet from his leasehold.

Discussion:

Con shed: It is unusual for the town to approve a structure in the woods when we are so careful to preserve the area. Will the building be well used and kept in good condition or will it become an eyesore?

Pro shed: Town Assembly has already discussed the project at length and approved it reluctantly but realistically. If we are to change our decision, more hard facts are needed.

Moved, seconded and approved that the Community Planning Committee consult with Marcia Avery and consider buying property from her and moving the site of the proposed storage building.

Motion from the March Town Assembly lifted from the table by a 2/3 vote:

Since the Montessori Association's plans for camp this summer are well under way, I propose that this Assembly vote to allow the camp to operate this summer for four weeks and request compensation from Montessori to the Village of Arden in the amount of \$10 per child per weekly camp session.

Discussion:

Marie Dugan, Montessori Director, explained that the summer camp was started as a scholarship fund raiser but the tuition fees just cover staff salaries. A \$10 charge per student would make the camp a financial impossibility.

The sense of the meeting was that the subject had been dealt with. Montessori has cut the summer camp program from 5 to 4 weeks. The Committee and Town Assembly have agreed that this use of the building and Green are outside the current contract and the matter will be dealt with through Town Assembly for future summers.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved and seconded that this Town Assembly approve the Civic Committee's plan for a set fee and certain restrictions to be placed on the present request for one accessway from Meadow Lane to lots 3 and 6 on the current Kelly/Dolmetsch property. The fee

required will be a one-time payment of \$500 for permission for construction of one driveway at the common property line for one single-family residence per lot.

Background:

A year ago, the Civic Committee granted permission to the Kellys to build an access road from Meadow Lane with the verbal understanding that any developement would be for the owners' residential use only. The present owners are now selling the property and need the access permission to make the land saleable. The present Civic Committee thinks a fee for use of Meadow Lane is reasonable as compensation for use of the town maintained road. Our lawyer has assured us that charging for access is a reasonable move. The fee has already been registered with the Planning ~~Commission~~. Dept.

Discussion:

Con:

Why must we give any access permission? Civic Committee had no right to grant permission in the first place, that should be a function of Town Assembly. Why should we feel restricted by this previous illegal commitment?

Pro:

Not granting access would make the property unsaleable and we would have to present a good reason to the Planning Commission not to do so, we cannot arbitrarily deny it. Denying access might land us in a messy law suit. The land is zoned for single family houses on 10,000 square feet so we have no need to fear heavy development.

Moved, seconded and passed that we table the motion until adequate legal advice is obtained.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Joan Colgan described the recent fire at her home caused by a toaster short and advised residents to unplug all small appliances when not in use and to have a fire extinguisher handy. It took Claymont Fire Co. 9½ minutes to respond to the alarm.